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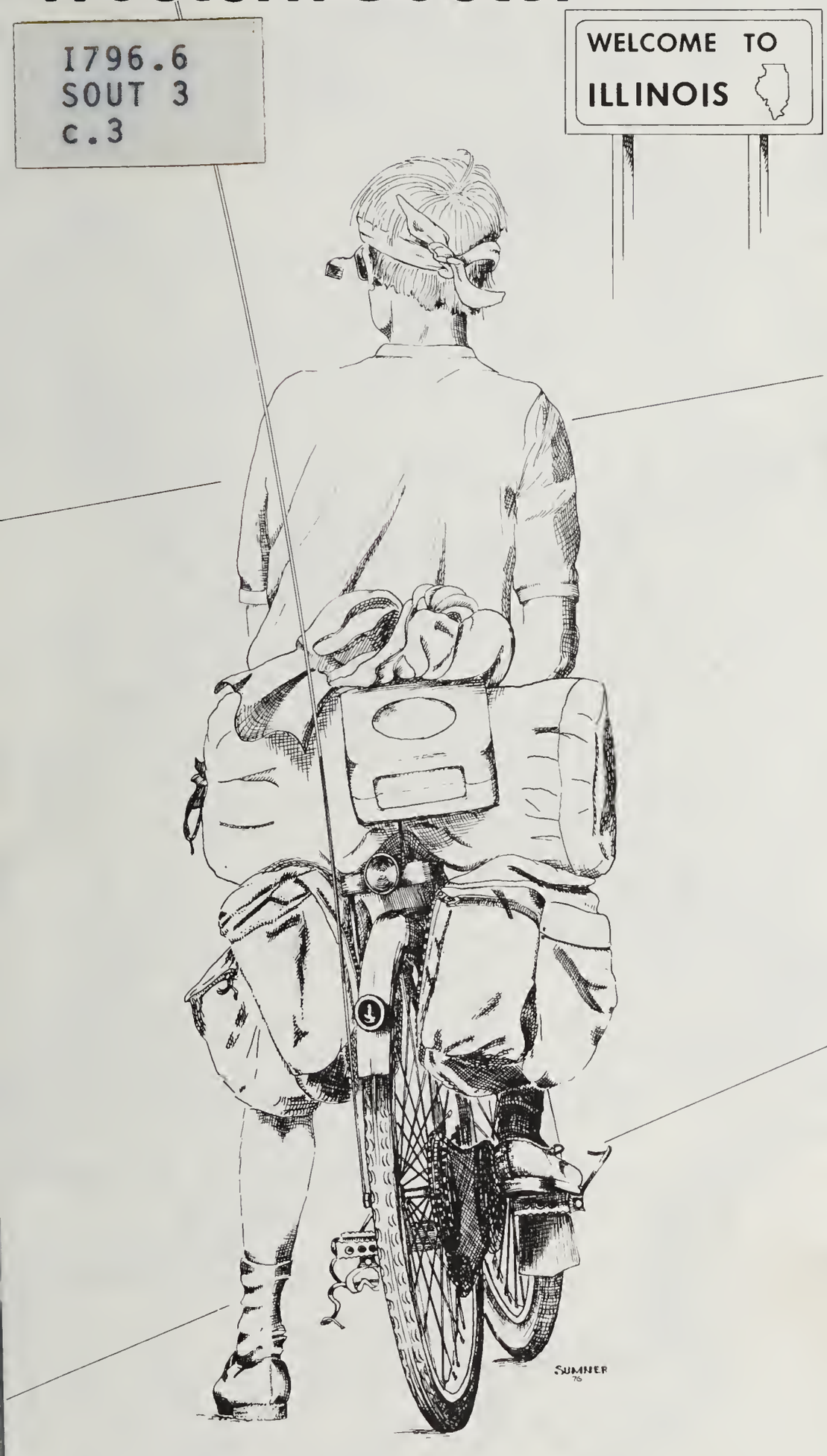

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WESTERN SECTOR

The first leg of your Bikecentennial '76 trek begins near the Mississippi River, in the heart of the historic French Colonial district. Head north through the hamlet of **Modoc** from Kellog, with a possible side-trip to the French-founded town of **Prairie du Rocher.** Visit the **Creole House,** an example of colonial French architecture which flourished during an age when wilderness explorers and missionaries frequented this area almost 300 years ago.

Get back on the main route and cross southeast through the town of Roots. Here you'll connect with another portion of the trail by heading south past Ellis Grove and continuing on through **Ft. Kaskaskia State Park** and the **Pierre Menard Home State Memorial.** Menard, who became Illinois' first Lieutenant Governor, began building his rambling, French-styled home in 1802. Visitors are welcomed to the site daily. Keep following the signs as you head eastward toward the **Randolph County Conservation Area.** Connecting with a southerly spur route, you'll be able to rest at the concession stand or perhaps eat an outdoor lunch at the shelter house. The conservation area offers hiking and wooded campsites. Just north of nearby Chester you can look into the past as you visit **Mary's River Covered Bridge**, a peaceful wooden crossing built in 1854. Get back on the main trail again and head east toward Bremen. Continue on through Welge and Shiloh Hill and enter Jackson County, where you can visit **Lake Kinkaid** and nearby **Lake Murphysboro State Park.**

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK: THE "TREK" THAT MADE HISTORY

Southern Illinois offers you a variety of natural settings. . .rugged hills and dark expanses of rich forest land and a colorful heritage.

You'll be able to taste a piece of that past for nearly half of your bicycle journey as you pass through country made famous by a Revolutionary War hero named George Rogers Clark. As you travel between Randolph and Pope counties, you'll traverse a path which Clark and his "Long Knives" took themselves in the year 1778. At that time, the United States was trying to gain a foothold in the Northwest Territory. Clark, in an effort to add the Illinois land to the Revolutionary cause, marched from what is now **Ft. Massac State Park** near the Ohio River all the way to Ft. Kaskaskia near Ellis Grove. Clark's journey took six days and brought him through **Ferne Clyffe State Park,** the heart of the **Shawnee Forest** and west toward the **Pierre Menard Home State Memorial.**

Clark's trek will be recreated this year. He and his "men" are slated to arrive at Ft. Kaskaskia on July 4. **The Pierre Menard Home** will be the scene of a reception for the symbolic trek. On July 5, the party of colonial soldiers head toward Prairie du Rocher and the "capture" of historic **Ft. de Chartres** on July 9.

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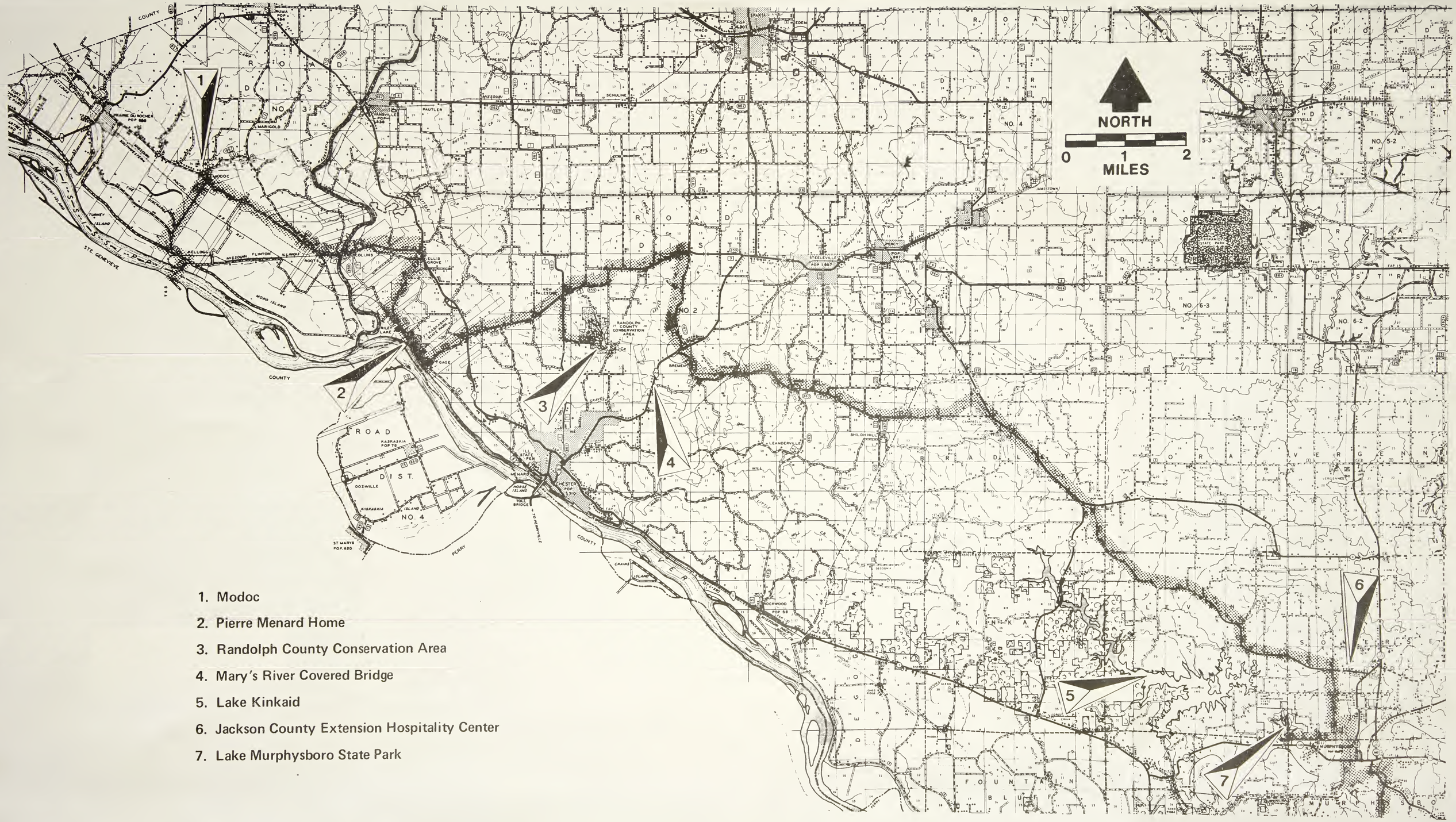

1. Modoc
2. Pierre Menard Home
3. Randolph County Conservation Area
4. Mary's River Covered Bridge
5. Lake Kinkaid
6. Jackson County Extension Hospitality Center
7. Lake Murphysboro State Park

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